

Remarks

An additional important distinguishing feature of the invention pointed out in claims 13-15 should be envisaged in the fact that the pin 6 and the tube 11 of Lachner et al are slidable with respect to sleeve 5. Instead, in the invention as claimed the corresponding component parts, the plate 3 and the slender tube 19 are fixed with regard to the stem 6.

Lechner teaches the use of an extensible and retractable strut structure for opening and closing, respectively, the groove 15 when a blowing or sucking action, respectively, is desired. This is necessary because the Lechner technology is concerned with the forming of hollow preforms, which are formed in a first injection molding station and completed in a second blowing station, i.e. in two successive stages.

On the contrary, in the claimed device of this application, the manufactured item is compression molded in a single stage. This requires a rigid "male mold part 1", in which the "portion 9", the "slender tube 19" and the "stem 16" are fixed with respect to each other.

The new claims define therefore the means which enable the locking of the slender tube 19 with respect to the portion 9 within the interior of the stem 6, i.e. the fixing of the upper end of the slender tube 7 in the body 14 provided with the compressed air supply.

Lechner does not teach the manner in which the tube 11 for the supply of compressed air or evacuation of the same is connected in a manner to render the tip 6 motionless so that the combination of teachings of Lechner and Alieri does